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For : METHOD FOR ISOLATING TERPENE TRILACTONES  
(GINKGOLIDES, BILOBADIDE) FROM LEAVES AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL POWDERS OF GINKGO BILOBA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE  
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the  
above-identified application:

**In the Specification**

On page 1, after the title, please delete the first paragraph and  
insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No.  
10/194,089, filed July 11, 2002 which is a continuation-in-  
part of U.S. Serial No. 09/903,049, filed July 11, 2001, the  
contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--